IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: Rioja et al. Serial No.: 10/678,290 Filed: October 3, 2003 Confirmation No.: 3495 Atty. File No.: 97-2301 For: "ALUMINUM-COPPER-MAGNESIUM ALLOYS HAVING ANCILLARY ADDITIONS OF LITHIUM"	Group Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: MORILLO, JANELL COMBS REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 23, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page **3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **5** of this paper.

The Request for Examination fee is being paid herewith. It is not believed that any extension(s) of time or additional fees are due in connection with this correspondence. However, any necessary extension(s) of time is/are hereby requested and any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2775.